

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF FEES ASSESSED FOR )  
SERVICES RENDERED BY PROBATE COURT ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
INVESTIGATORS AND ACCOUNTANTS ) No. 2000-024  
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The Probate Fund was established by Administrative Order No. 94-042, pursuant to the authority granted the Presiding Judge by A.R.S. §14-5433. Pursuant to A.R.S. §§14-5314 and 5414, the Superior Court may charge the estate reasonable compensation for investigator and accountant services in protective proceedings if the court pays for these services. These fees are collected by the Clerk of the Court pursuant to A.R.S. §§14-5314 and 5414, and are deposited into the Probate Fund. Expenditure of the funds is governed by A.R.S. §14-5433 and Administrative Order No. 94-053.

Since November 1, 1994, the Superior Court Probate/Mental Health Department has assessed fees for services rendered by probate court appointed investigators and accountants in protective proceedings when the court pays for the service. The Court has determined that additional monies are needed in the Probate Fund to enable it to preserve, audit and safeguard the estates and wards for whom the Court has a fiduciary responsibility, and that an increase in the fees assessed for probate court investigator and accountant services is therefore reasonable and justified. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that a Court Investigator Fee of \$325.00 shall be paid by the estate at the time of filing a Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian and/or Conservator in a protective proceeding. A Court Accountant Fee of \$227.50 shall be paid by the estate when a Petition for Approval of Accounting is filed and the court accountant report is completed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court Investigator Fee and Accountant Fee shall become effective May 8, 2000.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2000

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Robert D. Myers, Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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